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TAGS: PEPR, AF, PK, SREF

SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE

1. FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR  
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN FEBRUARY 2. NO QUESTIONS WERE ASKED  
IN NOON BRIEFING THAT DATE.

2. Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON REPORTS THAT AFGHAN  
DISSIDENTS ARE UNDERGOING GUERRILLA TRAINING IN PAKISTAN?

A: WE HAVE SEEN THE REPORTS, BUT WE HAVE NO COMMENT TO  
OFFER, BEYOND NOTING THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN HAS  
OFFICIALLY DENIED THAT REFUGEE CAMPS ARE BEING USED FOR  
SUCH TRAINING. THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO STATED  
PUBLICLY THAT ANY SUCH ACTIVITY BY AFGHAN REFUGEES WILL  
NOT BE ALLOWED.

Q: ARE THE REPORTS TRUE?  
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A: WE HAVE NOTHING TO CONFIRM THESE REPORTS.

Q: HOW MANY AFGHAN REFUGEES ARE THERE IN PAKISTAN?

A PAKISTAN'S PRESIDENT ZIA HAS STATED IN AN INTERVIEW  
THAT THERE ARE ABOUT 20,000 AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN.

3. FYI, Q'S AND A'S WERE KEYED TO WASHINGTON POST

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ARTICLE OF FEBRUARY 2 BY PETER NIESEWAND UNDER HEADLINE  
"GUERILLAS TRAIN IN PAKISTAN TO OUST AFGHAN GOVERNMENT."  
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